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Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

HOUSE OF M

When Wolverine awakes, he discovers that reality as he knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Wrestling superstar, actor and scientist Peter Parker lives with his wife, Gwen Stacy, and their son, Richie.

Tony Stark, the most successful Sapien in the business world, runs Stark Industries out of Chicago.

New York City's Hell's Kitchen is widely known as Sapien Town, where the worst elements of normal humanity congregate, led by underworld overlord Luke Cage. Danny Rand (a.k.a. Iron Fist), Misty Knight, Marc Spector (a.k.a. Moon Knight), Angela Del Toro (a.k.a. White Tiger), Felicia Hardy (a.k.a. Black Cat), and the Sons of the Tiger form the nucleus of the Human Resistance Movement.

And Logan himself is the premiere operative of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s elite Red Guard unit, and is romantically involved with his fellow agent, Mystique.

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RRRR...
HOPE YOU DON'T MIND SOME HELP, STRANGER.
PLENTY TO GO 'ROUND.
HINES...WOULD YOU PLEASE ACCESS MR. LOGAN'S MEDICAL PROFILE AND HISTORY?
YES, SIR.
HEADS UP, HAIRIES! THE WOLVERINE IS COMING THROUGH!!
HUH? LITTLE MAN ATTACKS HULK!

JEAN, NO!
WE NEED TO DECIDE THE FATE OF WANDA MAXIMOFF.
(BECAUSE, GAIJIN--)
(--YOU ARE NOT WORTHY.)
AVENGERS, LET EMMA TAKE THE LEAD. WE HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE WITH--
LET'S JUST GRAB XAVIER AND GET OUT OF HERE.

LET'S JUST GRAB XAVIER AND GET OUT OF HERE.
WHAT?
JAMES?
YOU OKAY?
BECAUSE I THINK YOU OWE ME ONE HELL OF A--
I REMEMBER...
MY WHOLE LIFE.
EVERYTHING.
WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT DID WE DO YESTERDAY?
WHAT?
METAPHORICALLY?
YESTERDAY!! WHAT DID WE DO?!
THE MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL.
DON'T--IS THIS ABOUT CASUALTIES? THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU.
DON'T-- DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP ABOUT IT. THEY WERE JUST SOME HUMAN GRUNTS.
WHAT HAPPENED IN GENOSHA?
I DON'T KNOW. I HAVEN'T SEEN A PAPER.
WHAT HAPPENED? IS LORD MAGNUS OKAY?

OH MY GOD...
XAVIER...
WHAT'S GOING ON? DID YOU POP A BRAIN STITCH?
WE CAN GO TO MADAME WEB--SET YOU RIGHT.
THAT IS WHAT SHE'S THERE FOR.
YOU WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D. WHO EVER NEEDED SOME ADJUSTMENT.
NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.

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EXCLUSIVE HOTELS
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WHAT IS GOING ON...?

THE PULSE

THE HOUSE OF MAGNUS' BIG DAY!

Children of the atom and world leaders gather to pay tribute.

Trouble for Captain Marvel?
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Pulse Weekend Extra

Don't start your day without it!

House of M's **Eric Magnus** and **Princess Ororo** of Kenya will be among the dignitaries celebrating thirty years of freedom from oppression by Sapiens.

House of Magnus gala this weekend

Eric Magnus will be the center of attention, once again! This time at a charity gala in his honor hosted by the British Royal family.

Prince Namor, King T'Challa, Lord Victor Von Doom, Kree Private Genis-Vell, Princess Ororo of Kenya and a smorgasbord of international glitterati are expected to pay tribute to the man in a once-in-a-lifetime event commemorating the anniversary of the rebellion against homo sapien oppressors that held the world captive for decades.

The event has been put together by Magnus's children, all of whom will be in attendance. Security will be tight as a highly publicized event like this makes a prime target for sapien relation sympathizers. Rumors of several underground movements using this event to make a statement of violence against the house of Magnus have been circulating for weeks, but sources close to the event say that no such threats have surfaced and that "we do not live in fear."

Prince Namor, ruler of Atlantis will be attending.

Born in the Nazi death camp in Auschwitz, Poland and the only member of his family to survive the camp, Magnus discovered himself to be one of the earliest reported mutants. Because of his all-encompassing powers over Earth's magnetic fields, Magnus became an early target in anti-mutant propaganda where he was given the mocking name Magneto.

Magnus struggled through a number of sapien attacks over the years with various world governments and the media branding him a mutant terrorist. As New Yorkers know, on August 18, 1979, Eric Magnus came under attack by the original and highly controversial mutant-hunting Sentinels. This spectacular fight over the skies of New York City ended with Magnus unveiling proof of a worldwide multi-governmental anti-mutant conspiracy that funneled all the way up to our elected world leaders of the time, including American President Richard Nixon.

It was soon after the famed Sentinel takedown that the U.N. granted Magneto sovereignty over the newly established island of Genosha as the world capital of the mutant population.

Since then, with the homo superior population growing so quickly it is believed it will overtake the sapien population by the year 2013, Magneto's power base has restructured the world governments to include the pro-mutant life agenda into any and all law making.

Look for full coverage of the event in the weekend edition of The Pulse along with an exclusive full color photo essay of the red carpet arrivals.

lew technique eyed in mutant stem-cell debate

With the nation deadlocked over the questionable morality of using mutated homo superior embryos for research for human medical treatments, a high ranking member of the President's Council on Nu-Bioethics is developing a proposal that might allow scientists to create the equivalent of homo superior embryonic stem cells without destroying mutant embryos, offering a potential path out of the controversy.

Dr. Otto Octavius, a bioethicist and staunch opponent of research on mutant embryos, has developed a procedure called altered (Continued 15-B)

Doctor Otto Octavius revealed his new procedure known as "altered".

Hydra splinter group claims responsibility for kidnapping

By Ben Urich

A woman who goes by the name Madame Hydra released a statement to the press via a web site claiming responsibility for the abduction of Mariko Harada, daughter of Japanese businessman Kenichiko Harada. The statement claims that Harada is actually the leader of the Japanese crime cartel Clan Yashida. Harada has denied these claims on numerous occasion and points to his legitimate business ventures both here in America and abroad.

Mariko Harada, 11, was last seen being dragged into a red van containing at least five masked males right outside the Baxter Building, NYPD Sgt. Jasper Sawell said.

The girl is believed to be in imminent danger. Madame Hydra's statement included the words: "this girl's mutant blood will spill in the streets if the Harada family does not forfeit their profits in the Indonesian MGH drug trade."

The Harada family, through a statement, said: "this devastating turn of events is nothing short of blackmail. The Harada family does not profit from the international drug trade. This is the work of psychotics. Please, we beg you, give us our innocent daughter back. If she is not returned unharmed, there will be no end to the retaliation."

Mariko is described as 4 feet tall, weighing 69 pounds, with black hair and black eyes, and wearing a white sweater and black jeans. Anyone with information is asked to contact the nearest law-enforcement agency.

HOT AS HELL!

TONY STARK
Hostile takeover averted. Industrialist iron man pulls a rabbit out of his hat and keeps his name on the door.

ALISON BLAIRE
Talk show picked up for three years for a reported 50 million dollar pay day.

RALPH MACCHIO
Comics guru makes the house of ideas the largest print publisher on the planet.

JASON WYNGARDE
Goes head-to-head with Tony Stark and has nothing to show for it.

WARREN WORTHINGTON III
Sex scandal threatens to bring down family empire.

HELLFIRE CLUB
Closes its doors for the first time since 1760.

COLD AS ICE!

Spidey and Son

Peter Parker and son Richie spend quality time in Central Park.

Suspected Sapien Gang Members Arrested in Hell's Kitchen

Raphael Vega and Shang-Chi
face organized crime charges.

HELL'S KITCHEN(Reuters)
Fifty-one people believed to be members of two powerful organized sapien crime gangs in New York were rounded up in predawn raids and indicted on Tuesday, authorities said.

In three separate indictments filed in Manhattan Federal Court, the gang members faced charges including murder, attempted murder, racketeering, extortion, money laundering and operation of illegal gambling businesses.

Federal agents and New York police arrested members of the Dragon and Wolfpack crime organizations after investigations spanning two years, authorities said.

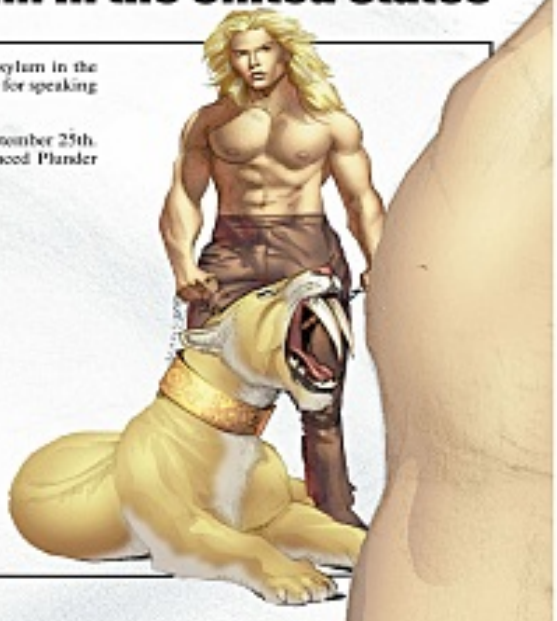
The Dragon group, led by Shang-Chi, and the Wolfpack group, headed by Raphael Vega, used violence and threats to protect their turf and profits, the U.S. Attorney General's office said.

A third indictment charged five defendants with smuggling illegal sapiens from Europe to the United States for fees of up to $44,000 each, and holding them hostage pending payment.

Lord Kevin Plunder gets asylum in the United States

Human rights activist Lord Kevin Reginald Plunder has obtained political asylum in the United States after fleeing Pangea, where he had been serving a prison sentence for speaking out against the established government.

Plunder, 26, was originally given a four-year prison sentence on appeal on September 25th. In the last of a series of secret hearings, the district court of Pandor sentenced Plunder (Continued 6-B)



BLIND ITEMS

GREEN WITH...
Word around City Hall is that a certain green-skinned, purple suited She-lawyer, who tends to overbill her sapien clients and then bully them into paying the tab, has been pressing green to flesh with a right-impaired poet in the back halls of the courthouse. Though green isn't this man-about town's favorite color, I certainly think she can do a little better. But hey, they say love is blind. They also say it isn't easy being green. And they also say: get a room, girl!!

WHEN IS IT TIME...
Poor national TV talk show host, Alison Blaire, whose bright shining smile brightens every dreary drone's mediocre life. With her big contract negotiation out of the way, when will she break the news to her daytime audience that her mutant days are numbered due to a rare blood disorder that has all but pulled the plug on her signature light show.

BUN IN THE IRON OVEN?
Like he didn't have enough trouble, now we hear that a once truly super supermodel is six months preggers and three months away from what's gotta be one of the biggest paydays in palimony history. And if the mustached one doesn't start returning her phone calls, it could get mightily ugly, mighty fast. Book and TV offers are flooding in. Tony, phone call on line one.

YOU TOUCH IT, YOU BOUGHT IT!
ERT!
NEED THE BIKE. NOTHING PERSONAL.
WHAT?
GET OFF QUIETLY AND--
GO STRAIGHT TO--
SPOK
SKEEEEEEEEEEEE
VRRROOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM

1407 GRAYMALKIN LANE, SALEM CENTER, WESTCHESTER COUNTY
SNFF!

WHERE'S CHARLES XAVIER?

W-WHO?
DON'T LIP ME.
WHERE IS CHARLES XAVIER?
I-I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT IS.
I-I THINK--
I THINK YOU HAVE THE WRONG HOUSE.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED HERE?
F-FIFTEEN YEARS.
PLEASE-- PLEASE LEAVE MY FAMILY ALONE.
VRRR

ROAD HOUSE
INFORMATION, WHAT CITY?
NEED A LISTING.
NAME?
CHARLES XAVIER.
WHAT CITY?
I DON'T KNOW.
I NEED A CITY.
NEW YORK?
NO LISTING FOR THE NEW YORK AREA.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY?
NO, SORRY, SIR.
UM. NEW LISTING.
UH... PETER PARKER.
THE FAN CLUB?
WHAT?
HEY, SAPE, I'M NOT DONE TALKIN' TO YA!
AGH!
COME ON! CATCH A LITTLE FIRE, SAPE!
STOP IT!
TORCH HER CLOTHES, LET'S SEE A SHOW.
COME ON, SHOW A LITTLE!
YEAH, HERE WE-- UH-OH.
HELLO? HELLO--?
SNIKT
SNIKT

NEW YORK CITY
ERT!
REASON PSYTECH WON'T CATCH ON IS BECAUSE MOST LOW- GRADE PSYCHICS DO NOT NEED THE--
I DON'T AGREE, FORGE.
THEY DON'T NEED ANY KIND OF ENHANCED--
YOU'RE WRONG.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY GETTING TICKETS IS SO HARD.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
WELCOME TO STARK TOWER. CAN I HELP YOU?
TONY STARK?
I'M SORRY?
JUST TELL HIM--
I'M SORRY, HE DOESN'T LIVE IN THIS CITY. HE ONLY OWNS THE BUILDING.
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH TONY STARK, JAMES?
BOSSES WANT YOU BROUGHT BACK IN.
THEY SAID ANY WHICH WAY.

AGENT DREW--
THE HELL IS *WRONG* WITH YOU, JAMES?
YA SCARED THE CRAP OUT OF US, SUGAH.
WE'RE YOUR TEAM. IF THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON--
S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMAND, THIS IS RED GUARD AGENT DARKHOLME. WE HAVE HIM.
OKAY.
JAMES, SERIOUSLY, DO WHAT AGENT DREW SAYS, OKAY?
HE'S POPPED A STITCH.
TOO BAD.
JAMES, WE'RE TAKING YOU BACK TO COMMAND. DON'T GET ROUGH IN FRONT OF CIVILIANS. WE CAN'T HAVE IT.
DON'T MAKE THE STREET SAPES CRY.
LET'S JUST WALK OUT OF HERE.
HOW'D YOU FIND ME?
YOU HAVE A TRACKER, YOU KNOW THAT.
JEEZ, I THINK HE *DID* POP A STITCH.
IF ONLY.

KRAK!
HE'S BOLTING!! DREW'S DOWN!! WE NEED BACK UP!!!
DAMN!
BAMF
BLAM BLAM BLAM
SPING
SPAK!
SPAK!
BLAM
COME ON, YOU'RE RUININ' A GOOD THING HERE!
SPING
NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE--
BAMF
SPASH
JAMES, YOU CAN'T OUTRUN US!
AGH!
WHUMP

KRREESH!
BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM
BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM
DON'T MAKE ME DO THIS!!!
SELFISH %?$#!
VRMMM!
PNKK!
BAMF
BAMF
WRROOOOOOOOMM
BAMF
SCREEEE
BAMF
CHUCK CHUCK

CRUCCK
ARGH!! I'M DOWN!!
AAGGH'VE BEEN SHOT!
GRUNKCH
GRUNKCH
GRUNKCH

CRASH
ARGH!
NNYYAARRGGH!
SNIKT
SNIKT
CALM IT DOWN, MUTANT!
YOU KNOW ME?
THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?
LOVE TO TALK TO YOU, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CRASH YOUR TRACKER.
THE HELL IS THIS?
CAGE?
CRASH THE TRACKER IN THE BASE OF YOUR NECK OR WE'LL DO IT FOR YOU.
YOU HEARD THE MAN.

DO IT.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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